THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The information asked for is as under:—

| Year | Basis of calculations | | Amount of exgratia paid to each ED employee who has worked throughout the accounting year |
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| | No. of days | Notional wage | |
| 1984-85 | 29 | Rs. 130.00 | Rs. 124.00 |
| 1985-86 | 27 | Rs. 130.00 | Rs. 115.46 |
| 1986-87 | 34 | Rs. 240.00 | Rs. 208.00 |
| 1987-88 | 35 | Rs. 285.00 | Rs. 328.00 |

(b) it was agreed to recommend acceptance of the proposal that the payment to the ED employees should be calculated on the basis of actual emoluments. This proposal of the Department has not been accepted by the Government as they are not on par with full time departmental employees. However, Government agreed to raise the notional wage from Rs. 130|- to Rs. 240|- for the accounting year 1986-87 and Rs. 285|- for the accounting year 1987-88 for calculation of ex-gratia payment.

**Compensation to ED employees for double duty**

1948. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ED employees are fully compensated; if required to perform double duty; if so, at what rates and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) how and at what rate such compensation is given to regular employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The ED employees are part-time employees who are mainly employed in rural areas to perform postal work. They are paid allowances ranging between a minimum and maximum for this part time-work. In cases where extra-departmental Postmasters are attached with the duties of mail conveyance or delivery or both they are paid an additional allowance of Rs. 50|- per month. However, if any ED staff is detained for work, there is no provision for overtime.

(b) The regular employees are compensated for extra work beyond office hours in the form of over-time allowance as admissible under the rules. In the case of postmen, if the work of absentee postman is divided between two postmen, each is paid Rs. 44|- per day and where the additional work is performed by a single postman, he is paid at the rate of Rs. 6 per day.

**Withdrawal of facsimile facility of Indian Express**

1949. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have withdrew the facsimile facility to the Indian Express between Madras and Bangalore thirty minutes before the system was to be inaugurated and put to operation; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a)

and (b) No, Sir, there was some delay in commissioning the circuit due to technical problems. However, this circuit could be put through on 23-8-1988.

**Mangalore Power Plant**

1950. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government had given clearance to set up a Super Multipurpose Thermal Power Plant at Mangalore in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) A thermal power plant (2x210 MW) is envisaged to be set up in the Central Sector at Mangalore in Karnataka with Soviet assistance.

**New Telephone directory by Bombay MTNL**

1951. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a New Telephone Directory was released by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited Bombay recently;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that after a few days the distribution was suspended and has still not been resumed;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action the Nigam proposes to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The distribution of Bombay Telephone Directory was started on 30-8-1988, on receipt of 80,000 directories from the contractors. Further distribution of the same had to be stopped due to non-receipt of directories from the Contractors. The further supplies by the Contractor were delayed because of non-availability of sufficient quantity of paper from the Paper Mills.

The distribution of the directories will be resumed after collecting a stock of about 2,00,000 directories.

(d) The delay in supply of directories by the Contractor has been duly noticed and action will be taken in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

**Mangalore Telephone Exchange**

1952. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 582 given in the Rajya Sabha on 1st August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kulur area is under the jurisdiction of Mangalore Municipal Corporation but still is served by Panambur Exchange which is of 4 digits while Mangalore Exchange is of 5 digits;

(b) what prevents the Government from having one Telephone Exchange for the city and surrounding area and how does the different local Panchayats effect the telephone system;

(c) whether there is any proposal to have a New Telephone Exchange at Mulki, near Mangalore; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir. Notification has been issued in September, 1986 to include Kulur area in Mangalore Telephone System after inclusion of Kulur Panchayat in Mangalore City Corporation. However, transfer of Telephones has not been possible due to non-availability of capacity in Mangalore Telephone Exchange. It is expected to be completed in 1989-90.

(b) The area served by an exchange is to be restricted on technical and economic